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1. REFTEL UNDERLINES ONE OF KEY ECONOMIC PROBLEMS FACING EGYPT, IN THAT IT CONTRASTS EMBASSY CAIRO COMMENT TO EFFECT THAT SHAH HAS IN PAST PROVIDED SADAT REGIME WITH SIZEABLE AMOUNTS OF ASSISTANCE WITH FACT THAT BILATERAL GROSS DISBURSEMENTS ARE NOT ESPECIALLY LARGE. AS DONORS ARE WELL AWARE, PROJECT AID, WHICH CONSTITUTES MAJOR PORTION OF IRANIAN COMMITMENT, DOES NOT MOVE AS RAPIDLY AS PROGRAM ASSISTANCE OR, TO TAKE EXTREME CASE, CASH AID. OUR OWN ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS ILLUSTRATE THIS POINT.

2. IRANIAN UNDERTAKING TO PROVIDE UP TO \$1 BILLION TO EGYPT WAS MADE SUBJECT TO AGREEMENT UPON SPECIFIC PROJECTS FOR MAJOR PORTION OF THAT AMOUNT. IT IS DIFFICULT TO ESTABLISH EXACT AMOUNTS OF DISBURSEMENTS HERE BECAUSE OF NECESSITY FOR RELYING ON OFFICIAL GOE DATA. (IRANIAN EMBASSY HAS DISCLAIMED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF OR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ABILITY TO FOLLOW UP ON DETAILS OF ASSISTANCE FROM TEHRAN.)

3. ACCORDING TO MINECON FIGURES, OFFICIAL IRANIAN ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT TOTALLED \$100 MILLION IN 1974 OF WHICH GOE HAS DISBURSED \$54 MILLION. FOR 1975 FIGURES REFLECT \$320 MILLION FROM IRAN, LL OF WHICH HAS BEEN DISBURSED. ACCORDING TO GOE, THEREFORE, TOTAL

DISBURSED IRANIAN OFFICIAL ASSISTANCE 1974-1975 EQUALS \$374 MILLION. THERE ARE NO OTHER OFFICIAL EGYPTIAN STATISTICS ON THIS SUBJECT, WHICH CAN BE CONSTRUED TO MEAN THERE WAS NO AID IN 1976 (AS OPPOSED TO \$15 MILLION IN REFTEL).

4. WE NOTE THAT ABOVE TOTAL DOES NOT DIFFER DRAMATICALLY FROM THAT REPORTED PARA 2 REFTEL (\$354.7) AND IN FACT IS RATHER CLOSE, ALTHOUGH IT IS CONSIDERABLY LARGER THAN AMOUNTS IN PARA ONE. ON BASIS EXPERIENCE, WE TEND TO THINK IRANIANS KEEP A BETTER SET OF BOOKS THAN EGYPTIANS AND WILL BE INTERESTED TO SEE IF EMBASSY TEHRAN IS ABLE TO REFINE ITS EARLIER DATA. IN PARTICULAR, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO KNOW WHERE \$70 MILLION WORTH OF PETROLEUM SUPPLIES DURING 1975 APPEARS, IF IT DOES.
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